MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): With regard to the answer to part (*b*) may I know whether there was failure on the part of the Government to supply the forms in time?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

The Special Electoral Rolls Officer, 1106.

96. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With regard to the appointment of the Electoral Rolls Officer in connection with the Legislative Council elections in 1106, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Electoral Rolls Officer was appointed;

(*b*) whether he was appointed as a full time officer;

(*c*) whether that office was subsequently combined with a Dewan Peishkarship, and, if so, when;

(*d*) whether the two offices were again separated, and, if so, when; and

(*e*) the reason for the combination and the separation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) From the 3rd Chingam 1106.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes; from the 25th Makaram 1106 (A. N.)

(*d*) Yes; from the 16th Minam 1106 (F. N.)

(*e*) The manuscripts of the preliminary electoral rolls had been prepared by the several Registration Officers and after scrutiny by the Special Electoral Rolls Officer had been sent to the Press for printing before the 25th Makaram 1106. The Revising Authorities for the several registration areas began to sit only from the 15th Minam 1106 and during the intervening period the work in the special office was comparatively light. During this period therefore it was possible for the Special Electoral Rolls Officer to attend to the special work in addition to his duties as Dewan Peishkar.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know who the Electoral Rolls Officer was?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. T. P. Ramasubbha Aiyar.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Why was it that the Electoral Rolls officer was also made Dewan Peishkar?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is explained in part (*e*).

Refusal of ticket of admission to the Council Hall to the representative of the "Kesari."

97. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they did not issue a Press ticket to the representative of the weekly 'Kesari' for admission to the last Legislative Council meeting even though there was an application in time; and

(*b*) if so, why?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Under standing Order No. 27, admission to the Council Chamber is not made by the Government but is regulated in accordance with the orders made by the President.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to the answer given, my question is not as to who regulates admission to the Legislative Council. My question is whether a ticket was issued to the weekly 'Kesari' '?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether it was on the special direction of the President that the ticket was not issued to the weekly 'Kesari'?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Tickets are generally issued under instructions from the President under Standing Order No. 27, and it is left entirely to the discretion of the President.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): '*Generally*', I understand that. My question is whether in this particular case the ticket was not issued on the specific direction of the President?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): President had already ordered on another occasion that no ticket should be issued. We have only followed that order.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether on this application the President directed that ticket should not be issued to this paper?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The President has seen the application and ordered.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): That tickets should not be issued?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Prisoners in Police lock-ups.

98. MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the maximum number of prisoners that could be accommodated in an ordinary Police lock-up; and

(*b*) the methods, if any, adopted by the Government for supervising the conditions of the prisoners, especially those affecting their general health?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The number depends upon the size of the lock-up.

(*b*) The local Magistrate frequently inspects the lock-ups to satisfy himself that the prisoners are properly treated and receive the prescribed food, bedding, clothing and that all sanitary arrangements are correctly carried out. The local Medical Officers periodically visit the prisoners and record their remarks in a special book maintained in

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